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I.   Discussion of fundamental distinction between present invention and U.S. 6,345,308

U.S. 6,345,308 (the "308 patent") discloses a system for synchronizing a server computer with data from a mobile computer where the mobile computer has first obtained data from the server and (1) the mobile computer then changes the data during mobile operations and (2) the data at the server also independently changes while the mobile computer is conducting mobile operations. In this situation there is an issue as to what data from the mobile computer is to be used to update the server once the mobile computer reestablishes communications with the server.

The priorities discussed at the bottom of Col. 11 of the 308 patent with reference to Figure 8 are priorities as between the server data and the mobile computer data upon updating the server after the mobile computer reestablishes communications with the server.

The fundamental difference between the priorities disclosed in the 308 patent and those set out in the claims of the present case is that the priorities in the 308 patent are priorities between data at the server and data at the mobile computer, whereas the priorities in the present case are priorities between data at the data store/server.

In the present invention, (1) a user submits a sync session request (2) a prioritization scheme is read for the user (this prioritization scheme is a scheme for prioritizing the objective data to be used as the source in the sync session) (3) scheme effecting data is retrieved as required for effecting the prioritization scheme (4) the prioritization scheme and scheme effecting data are used to produce a prioritized set of data to be used as the source in the sync session and (5) a sync session may then be conducted to sync the data at the client device with the prioritized set of data. Thus, in this sync session the client device, which may have greatly less data capacity, obtains the highest priority data from the data store.

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The 308 patent does not teach or suggest prioritizing data at the server to produce a prioritized data set to use as the source in a sync session with the mobile computer. The only prioritization in the 308 patent is prioritization as between data at the mobile computer and data at the server when it is desired to update the server after mobile operations on the data at the mobile computer.

II. Discussion of proposed amendment to claim 1

1.   (Currently Amended) A method for implicit prioritization of synchronizable data, the method including the steps of:
     (a) in response to a sync session request from a client device, reading a selected prioritization scheme associated with a user initiating the sync session request, the prioritization scheme comprising a scheme of prioritization among data included in a set of objective data remote from the client device to produce a prioritized data set;
     (b) retrieving scheme effecting data necessary in effecting the selected prioritization scheme; and
     (c) producing [[a]] the prioritized data set based on the selected prioritization scheme and the scheme effecting data.
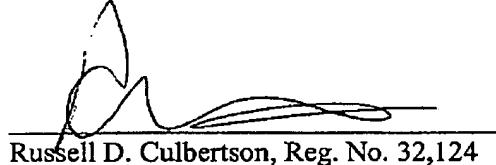
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